

Barney, Josiah M.

1927

[Providence, RI]

Summit

36 Dartmouth ave
Providence R.I.
Nov 11. 18.

Mr. Museum of the City

156 St. & Broadway

New York City

Attention Mr. Horland Wood.

Gentlemen.

Mr. Geo. C. Arnold of this city
has offered me to buy a - thinking perhaps
you could locate a buyer for 3 old time
"specie. shys".

My grandfather who was an old 49er
brought back from Nevada in the sixties
these old pieces.

No 165

Oz. 6.90

G. 29 F.

S. 948 F.

G # 4.13

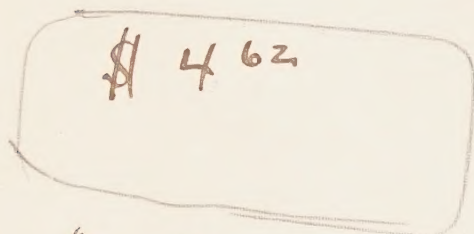
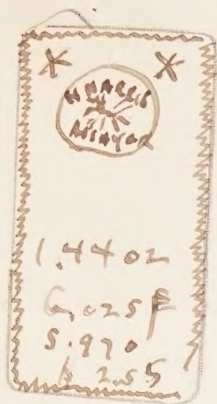
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√ 12.59

C. Wiegand
Assayer

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No other markings

Will be glad to sell if there is
a market for same -

My grandfather has told me it was a
common thing for customers to use these
slugs as regular money - thus profiting
giving change at ~~any~~ less than marked
value -

Yours truly

John M. Barney

Swanson


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Curve Cut
Safety Pins

Job Order

Buckhorn Coin Brass

Medallion Mt.

menara
copper. 

RA/HVETRA

11th November, 1927

Mr. Josiah M. Barney,
30 Dartmouth Avenue,
Providence, R.I.

Dear Sir:

Your letter just at hand regarding the three silver slugs. Although these were once common, one does not see many of them today as they have all been melted up. However, there is no interest in these among collectors. Now and then you find a collector who likes to have one as an example or curio.

We might take these three specimens at our Museum here as examples of what once passed for money. Have you any idea what you want for them? I doubt if you could get very much over the value stamped on the pieces, as silver today is about one-half of what it was in those days. Please let me know if you have any idea of what you should get and in the meantime I will try to ask a few friends if they have any idea of what they should pay for them.

Very truly yours,

Curator

9th December, 1927

Mr. Josiah M. Barney,
30 Dartmouth Avenue,
Providence, R.I.

Dear Sir:

Not having heard from you in reply to my letter of November 11th concerning certain silver specie bars that you have, I was wondering whether as yet you had come to any decision as to what you want for these?

Very truly yours,

Curator

Route 1 Box 141

El Centro Calif

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New York City

Attention Mr. Wood.

Gentlemen.

In reply to your letter of the 9th
addressed to me at 38 Dartmouth Ave Providence
will say that I hardly know what value
to ~~pay~~ put upon those silver specie bars.

Am going to France after the ~~close~~ of
the year. for a few days and hope to get
in contact there with some one who will
give my some idea of their reasonable value.

If you care to make me a reasonable offer
will be glad to come to some understanding.

You may address further letters to
me at above address as I intend to be here
for several months.

Yours truly

Joseph W. Barney

23d December, 1927

Mr. Josiah M. Barney,
El Centro, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Your favor is at hand, and I am prepared to offer you \$35 for the three silver slugs that you have. I reached this valuation after talking with two or three collectors. The small one worth \$4.62 has no premium; the others have.

Very truly yours,

Curator